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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chiet, Legislation Division, OLC

FROM:

Assistant for Information, DDA

SUBJECT:

Proposed Executive Order on Federal Consumer Policy

REFERENCE:

Your multiple addressee memorandum dated 7 Feb 79,

same subject (OLC 79-0461/1)

You have asked for DDA comments on the above-mentioned subject. As you state in your memorandum, Agency participation in such a program would be, to say the least, inappropriate. You could also add the words unworkable, insecure, etc., etc. I think it is obvious from the Executive order that agencies like CIA were not intended to be included but, as is usually the case, were overlooked when the Executive order was drafted. In Section 1 of the Findings it is stated that "American consumers rely...protection of their interests in the marketplace where the marketplace itself fails to provide those protections." (Emphasis added.) I do not want to belabor the point but, if you have not already guessed, I think we should go full speed ahead to obtain total exemption for all intelligence agencies from the provisions of the proposed order.

AI/DI

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